

Manitou Incline “Looking at the Possibilities”

Focus Session: Trails and Trailheads

July 14, 2010 6-9pm at the Manitou City Hall

On July 14th, 34 citizens met to discuss the possible solutions and their implications for trail and trailhead solutions for the Manitou Incline. After review of the Critical Issues, the participants dug into two small group exercises. The first was to review and identify favorite and least favorite possibilities from the presentation. Each group reported out to the entire gathering. The small groups reconvened to schematically map their preferences during the second exercise. Once again the groups reported out. This was followed by open comment and discussion time.

The following is a summary of the public input. This along with technical expertise will guide the alternative plan development.

INCLINE TRAILHEADS

Alternative Plans will include: Base of the Incline; Intemann/Iron Spring/Ruxton; separating Barr and Incline Trailheads; Downtown Walton Lot with trail connections; Bike racks.

Alternative Plans may consider: Barr Trailhead parking with redirect to base of Incline; downtown Smischny lot with shuttle; Seasonal trailhead relocation.

Possibilities no longer ‘on the Table’: most downtown Lots.

New Ideas and comments: Winter Street turnaround as drop off for shuttle; dedicated Emergency vehicle parking and staging areas; shared shuttle with COG from high school lot; Higginbotham Flats with shuttle.

INCLINE CORRIDOR

Alternative Plans will include: Platforms-Barr trail cut off, false summit, top; Cable Runner Anchors; Timber Runner Anchors; Pinning; All Environmental Possibilities; All Maintenance Standards.

Alternative Plans may consider: Native rock retaining walls; Fencing and seating at the summit n area; closing social trail for summit to Barr Trail; Revegetation to mitigate visual impact.

Possibilities no longer ‘on the Table’: Handrails/handcables; Changing the aesthetic

New Ideas and comments: Smaller more frequent improvements to shaded rest spots off the incline centerline; Additional planting for shade at rest stops; Restroom facilities mid way and at the summit; Emergency call boxes at the platforms and top; Incremental improvements to see what works - test installations; Platforms only at trail connections; Manage Incline as an ‘attraction;’ Partial closures for repairs and construction.

INCLINE OPTIONS DOWN and TRAILS CONNECTIVITY SYSTEM

Alternative Plans will include: Incline; No Incline (one-way traffic); System Barr Trail connection; Barr Social Trail with reroutes; Summit, 2/3 and 1/3 Connections to Pipeline Trail or Ute Trail.

Alternative Plans may consider: Connection between Barr parking and Base of Incline with redesign; 1/3 connection to Barr Trail; Connection between Walton Lot and current Ute Indian Trail.

Possibilities no longer 'on the Table': Longs Ranch Road/Ute Indian/ Waldo Canyon.

New Ideas and comments: Inteman Trail connections to remote parking options.

SIGNAGE SYSTEM

Comments: Signage should include location along Incline for both user information and first responder location; health fitness warnings; "signage" located on ties.

Attached below are the handout and presentation materials from this workshop.

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THE *incline* PROJECT

6:00	OPENING / WELCOME	<i>Aimee Cox/Dan Folke</i>
	Review of tonight's agenda	<i>Tweed Kezziah</i>
	Review of Critical Issues	<i>Priscilla Marbaker</i>
6:25	PRESENTATION: POSSIBLE APPROACHES	<i>Priscilla</i>
7:05	GROUP WORK: CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBILITIES	<i>All</i>
	Instructions for small group work	<i>Susan Watkins</i>
7:40	REPORT OUT	<i>All</i>
8:10	GROUP WORK: COMBINING POSSIBILITIES	<i>All</i>
8:40	SUMMARIZE MAPPING CHOICES	<i>Priscilla</i>
8:55	WRAP-UP / NEXT STEPS	<i>Aimee / Dan</i>

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Trails and Trailhead Issues

- Incline erosion, drainage, and sediment control
- Integration, coordination, and connectivity of trails/trailheads in the area
- Trail connection to Barr Trail
- Safety
- Congestion
- Maintenance standards
- Incline access point(s)
- Impact on Barr Trail users
- Character of the Incline
- Environmental impact
- Need for “passive” areas

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Small Group Instructions

Round One





1. Discuss the implications of the “possibilities” within each System.
2. Decide as a group which possibilities within each System presented tonight you like best. List at least 2 of them on your first flip chart page, along with a brief explanation of why your group liked them the best.
3. Then decide as a group which possibilities within each System presented tonight you like least. List them on your flip chart page, also explaining why your group didn’t prefer them.
4. Next decide if your group wants to suggest other possible approaches to resolving the issues related to trails and trailheads. If so, please describe them on your second flip chart page.
5. Please choose someone in your group to present your two flip chart pages once all the groups are ready to report out.

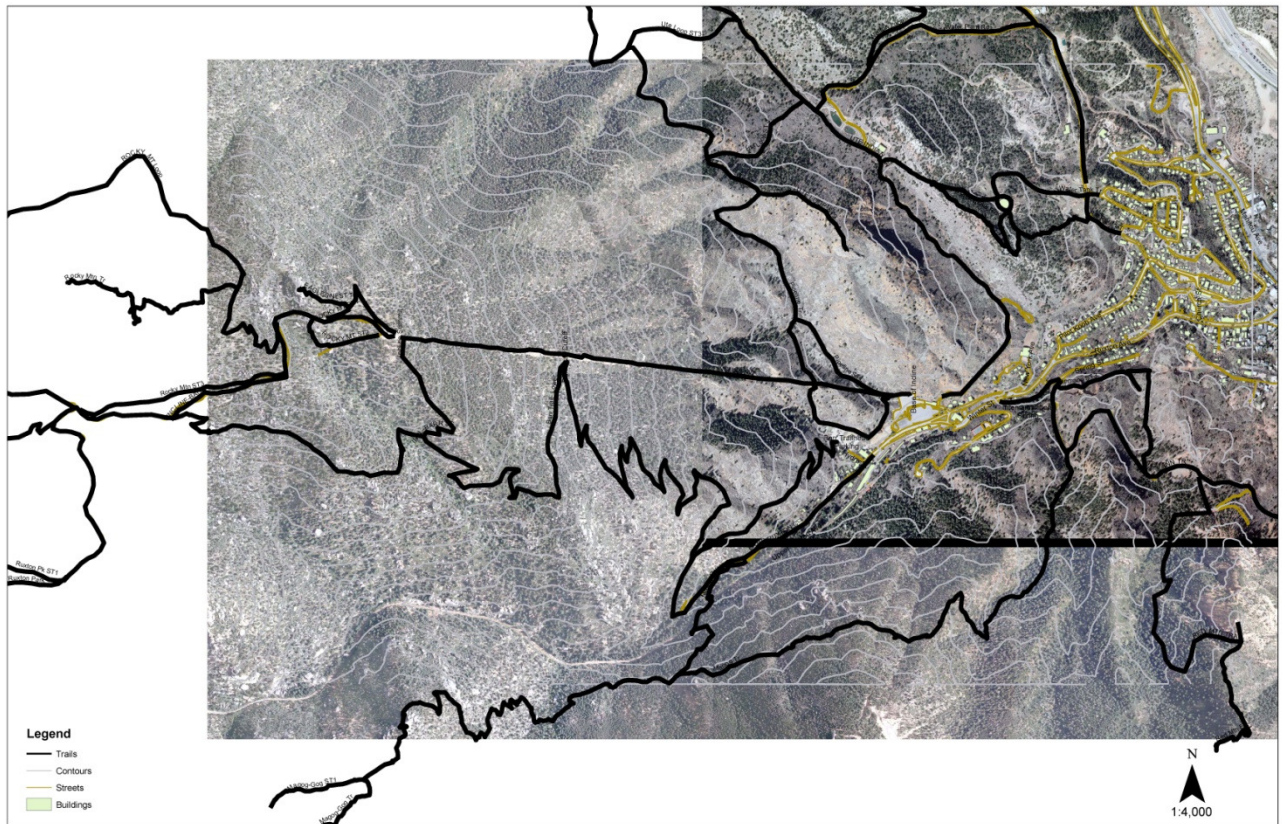
Round Two

1. Now that you’ve heard all of the other groups’ possibilities and new ideas, decide how your group would like all the Systems to work together.
2. Using the MAP LEGEND provided on the bottom of your Systems handout, draw your choices on the map.
3. Please choose someone in your group to present your map once all the groups are ready to report out.

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SYSTEMS			
INCLINE TRAILHEADS	INCLINE CORRIDOR	OPTIONS DOWN AND TRAIL CONNECTIVITY SYSTEM	SIGNAGE SYSTEM
a) Barr Trail Parking b) Base of the Incline c) Intemann/Ruxton/Iron Spring d) Downtown Parking Lot - Smischny Lot - Canon Lot - Wichita Lot - Prospect Lot - High School Lot - Other Lots e) Other Options	a) Structural Possibilities - Pinning Existing Ties replace metal with 'g's - ties independent - Timber Runner Anchors 10x-ties; substantial anchors; possible hand cab e - Cable Runner System all ties connected - flexible system - anchored by friction - supported by the ground - fairly easy and adaptable - Platforms erosion control, rest seat, passing, stabilize cow-itch - ties with cable connections; platform every 200 ties in steep sections b) Environmental Possibilities - Hiker Containment at Summit - Runoff Collection/Dispersal - Invasive Weed Eradication - Revegetation c) Maintenance Standards - Maintain Aesthetic Character - Safety - remove rebar - tie-ins for litters - Tie Installation and Stability d) Other Standards	a) Incline b) Barr Trail System Route c) Barr Trail Social Trail - With Reroutes d) Bailouts - 2/3 Barr Trail - 2/3 Pipeline Trail Connection - 1/3 Ute Indian Trail Connection e) Longs Ranch Road/Ute Indian Trail/ Waldo Canyon Trailhead Parking f) Connection between Barr Parking and Base of Incline g) Other Options	a) Parking Options - Reviewed last evening b) Wayfinding - Bailouts - Time/Distance Down from Here c) Interpretation - History and Ownership - Health Activity / Warnings - Elevation - 'Stay on the Trail' - Impact of social trails d) Trail Etiquette and Rules of Use - Hours of Operation - Consideration for Residents and Businesses - Uphill Travel Right-of-way - Pet and Human waste disposal e) Other Options

LEGEND - MAPPING SYMBOLS		
 <p>INCLINE TRAILHEAD Includes: Restrooms, Water, Bike Rack & Trail System Map (sign)</p>	 <p>PLATFORM Indicate other suggestions by notes on your Map</p>	 <p>PRIMARY TRAIL CONNECTION</p>  <p>SECONDARY TRAIL CONNECTION</p>
<p>CONCEPTUAL PARAMETERS TO BE CONSIDERED DURING THE OPERATIONS/MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP</p>		



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Advocacy Discussion Notes

Liked

- The connection between Barr Trail down to the start of the Incline

Disliked

- Use of cable above ground is uncharacteristic; only use them if they're buried

Other ideas / comments

- Ensure that there is signage every 1/10th of a mile with color-coded markers according to local jurisdiction along the way for emergency dispatch
- Like that idea (above)
- An important aspect is keeping people off Ruxton as much as possible
- Want to encourage bike use but am concerned about mixing bikes with vehicles on Ruxton Avenue